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Pallbearers

Johnny Lewis
Members of Atlanta Corvette Society

Flower Attendants

Ann M. Anthony	Betty Terry Lee
Phyllis Brown	Cherrlyn Jenkins
Stacey Sabir Brown	Valerie Price
Beverly Haygood	Brenda Vanzant

Special Thanks

Piedmont Hospital Medical Staff – Atlanta, GA
Davita Mid-Atlanta @ Home
Nurse Camile Eddy
Nurse Shirley Cassell
Atlanta Corvette Society
Atlanta Postal Workers Union #32

Acknowledgements

The Brown family sincerely appreciate your prayers, cards, flowers, phone calls and other acts of sympathetic gestures you have shown them during their time of bereavement. A special thanks to Rev. Dr. Carl H. Moncrief, Sr. and the Bethlehem Baptist Church family and two of Ralph's closest friends - Walter Brown and Winfred Haygood. Please continue to keep us in your prayers and don't forget us the days ahead. May God Bless each and every one of you.

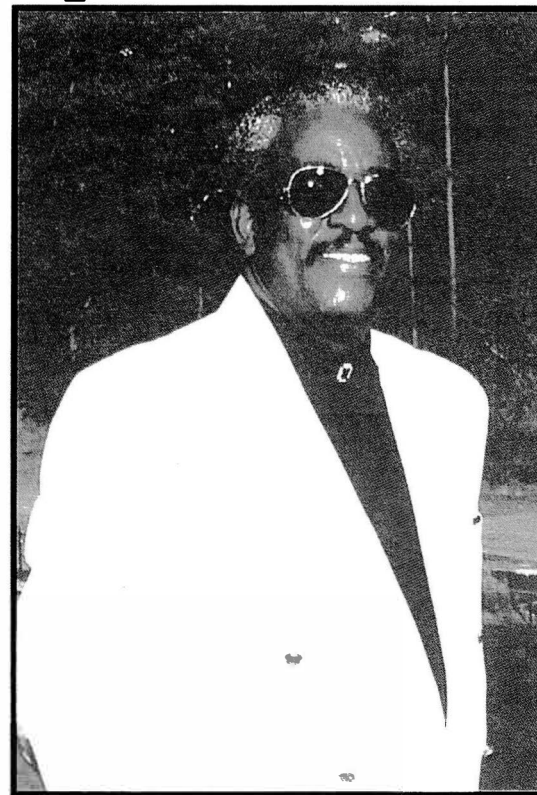
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HOMEGOING CELEBRATION FOR

Ralph Bernard Brown



Sunrise
October 25, 1947

Sunset
January 1, 2014

Wednesday, January 8, 2014
1:00 PM

Bethlehem Baptist Church
3652 Hogan Road, SW
Atlanta, Georgia 30331

Reverend Frank Jones, *Presiding*
Reverend Dr. Carl H. Moncrief, Sr., *Pastor*

Obituary

Ralph Bernard (Bogie) Brown was born October 25, 1947, in Waltersboro, South Carolina to the late Mr. Herbert Brown and Mrs. Naomi Simons Brown.

He grew up in Statesboro, Georgia and graduated from William James High School in 1965. After serving in the military for three years, he moved to Atlanta, Georgia and started his Postal career in 1969. Ralph met his soul-mate Luerenia Elizabeth (Liz) Grant while working at the Post Office. They were joined in Holy Matrimony on December 25, 1974.

During his career with the Postal Service, he received his BA degree from Georgia State University and became President of the Atlanta Postal Union #32.

He had a deep passion for Corvette cars. He joined a Corvette Club which today is called the Atlanta Corvette Society. The mission of the club is to mentor young boys as Big Brothers and they have a civic involvement in the community.

He retired from the Post Office in 2002 and continued his Union career until 2008.

Ralph leaves to cherish his memories: a loving and devoted wife, Luerenia (Liz) Brown; two sisters, Ms. Sandra Brown (Statesboro, GA) and Mrs. Beverly Gripper (New York, NY); one sister-in-law, Dorothy Simmons (Statesboro, GA); two brothers-in-law, Donnie Gripper (New York, NY) and Ivey Grant, Jr. (Atlanta, GA); one aunt, Mrs. Elizabeth Stanley (New York, NY); one uncle, Norman Jamison (Waltersboro, SC); six nephews, seven nieces; two very devoted friends, Walter Brown and Winfred Haygood; and a host of other relatives and friends.

May I Go Now?

*May I go now? Do you think the time is right?
May I say goodbye to pain filled days and endless
nights? I've lived my life and done my best.
So can I take that step beyond and set my spirit free?
I didn't want to go at first. I fought with all my might.
But something seems to draw me now to a warm and
loving light. I want to go. I really do. It's difficult to
say, but I will try as best to live just one more day to give
you time to care for me and show you love and fears. I
will not be far. I promise that and hope you'll always
know that my spirit will be close to you wherever you
may go. Thank you for loving me. You know I love you
too. That's why it's hard to say goodbye and end this
life with you. So hold me now, just one more time and let
me hear you say, because you care so much for me,
you'll let me go today.*



Order of Service

Prelude

Processional

Selection "I'm Free"Choir

Scripture Reading

Old Testament.....Bro. Alphonso Gentile

New Testament.....Bro. Darryl Gause

Prayer

Selection..... "Joy, Joy, Joy"Choir

Reflections (3 minutes please)

Bro. Emory Anderson (Atlanta Corvette Society)

Bro. William G. Flanagan (President, Atlanta Metro APWU)

Bro. Reggie Sloan (Neighbor)

Obituary.....Read Silently

Solo "I Decided To Follow Jesus"Bro. Gary Lewis

Eulogy.....Rev. Dr. Carl H. Moncrief, Sr.

Pastor of Bethlehem Baptist Church

Acknowledgements

Recessional

Postlude